

# Memorandum



**Date:** September 7, 2016

Agenda Item No. 8(C)(2)

**To:** Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**From:** Carlos A. Gimenez  
Mayor

**Subject:** Resolution Authorizing Grant Awards for the 2016 South Florida Cultural Consortium Visual and Media Artists Fellowship Program for a Total of \$165,000.00

## **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) approve \$165,000.00 in funding support for 12 fellowship awards to South Florida artists from the South Florida Cultural Consortium's FY 2015-16 general operating funds for the Visual and Media Artists Fellowship Program. In addition, it is recommended that Resolution R-130-06, requiring contracts with non-governmental entities be signed by the other parties before being submitted to the Board, be waived in order to expedite the allocation of funding support for these time-sensitive fellowship awards. Attached is a list of the artists being recommended for fellowship awards.

## **Scope**

The impact of this agenda item is countywide, reflecting the five-county membership of the South Florida Cultural Consortium (Martin, Palm Beach, Broward, Monroe, and Miami-Dade counties).

## **Fiscal Impact/Funding Source**

The funding for each of the 12 Visual and Media Artists Fellowship Awards is from the adopted FY 2015-16 budget for the Department of Cultural Affairs. The Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs administers the Fellowship Program and serves as the fiscal agent for the South Florida Cultural Consortium's contributed funds from member counties for Consortium programs benefiting the South Florida region. Funds contributed from each county are allocated to cover its respective fellowship awards. South Florida Cultural Consortium funds are disbursed through Index Code CU466953, Sub-object Code 60645, and drawn from Fund 720.

## **Delegation of Authority**

Authority for executing contracts for these grants resides with the Mayor or his designee. Authority for amending and exercising all provisions, including cancellation provisions contained in the contracts for these grants, is delegated to the Department Director.

## **Track Record/Monitor**

During the program's 29-year history, all fellowship recipients have complied with their contractual requirements. Michael Spring, Director of the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs (Department) and Chairman of the South Florida Cultural Consortium, is responsible for monitoring the contracts on behalf of the Department and the Consortium.

## **Background**

The South Florida Cultural Consortium conducted the 2016 Visual and Media Artists Fellowship Program, recommending the award of 12 fellowships to outstanding South Florida artists. A list of the recommended artists and awards is below and attached.

Each member county of the South Florida Cultural Consortium receives benefits at least equivalent to its respective cash contribution. Grant funds secured by the South Florida Cultural Consortium provide additional financial and programmatic benefits to each of the participating counties. The following

provides an account of the total amount in fellowships recommended in FY 2015-16 to artists in each county:

Miami-Dade County	\$90,000.00
Broward County	\$45,000.00
Palm Beach County	\$15,000.00
Martin County	-0-
Monroe County	\$15,000.00

The 12 artists were chosen through a competitive process involving over 225 applicants received from all five (5) member counties and reviewed by two (2) panels. One panel consisting of regional arts experts met on January 22, 2016 to review all of the submissions and to select a pool of finalists. This regional panel's recommendations were forwarded to a national panel of three (3) out-of-state arts experts that met on February 26, 2016. The national panel's recommendations were approved by the Consortium's Board of Directors on June 3, 2016.

The following artists are recommended for fellowship awards:

Miami-Dade County

Kevin Arrow	\$15,000.00
Cara Despain	\$15,000.00
Marlon Johnson	\$15,000.00
Pepe Mar	\$15,000.00
Charo Oquet	\$15,000.00
Kenny Riches	\$15,000.00

Broward County

Anthony Anaya	\$15,000.00
Madeline Denaro	\$15,000.00
Sri Prabha	\$15,000.00

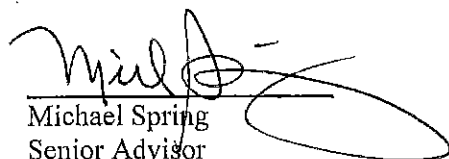
Palm Beach County

TD Gillispie	\$ 7,500.00
Natalya Laskis	\$ 7,500.00

Monroe County

Deborah Goldman	\$15,000.00
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These fellowship recommendations are being submitted to the Board immediately subsequent to their thorough evaluation by the South Florida Cultural Consortium. It is in the best interest of the County to waive Resolution R-130-06 in order to expedite fellowship awards for time-sensitive funding to individual artists. This "dual track" approach saves from one (1) to two (2) months of time in providing funding support to individual artists that have been evaluated through a lengthy review process.

  
Michael Spring  
Senior Advisor

## 2016 SOUTH FLORIDA CULTURAL CONSORTIUM

### VISUAL & MEDIA ARTISTS FELLOWSHIP AWARD RECOMMENDATIONS

The following South Florida artists are recommended to receive awards through the 2016 South Florida Cultural Consortium Visual & Media Artists Fellowship program:

#### From Miami-Dade County:

#### Artist

#### Fellowship Award

#### **Kevin Arrow**

**\$15,000.00**

1315 Cleveland Road, Miami Beach, FL 33141

Miami-Dade County based artist Kevin Arrow was born in Mineola, NY in 1962. His work is informed by archives, history, narratives, non sequiturs, and surprise. His work takes on various forms including, drawing, painting, 35mm slide presentations and audio/video based projects, which merges his interest in obsolete media, archival tendencies, the ephemeral object and humor. Mr. Arrow has exhibited throughout South Florida, including Locust Projects, Bas Fisher Invitational, Dimensions Variable, Fringe Temporary Public Art Projects, Pérez Art Museum Miami and Bass Museum of Art, among others.

#### **Cara Despain**

**\$15,000.00**

122 NE 47th Street, Miami, FL 33137

Miami-Dade County based artist **Cara Despain** was born in Salt Lake City, Utah in 1983. She received her BFA in Drawing and Painting from the University of Utah, Salt Lake City. Her work is currently being shown in a solo exhibition at the Contemporary Utah Art Center in Salt Lake City, UT, following a solo exhibition earlier this year at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. She has participated in various group exhibitions including, *Contemporary Female Artists from the Rubell Family Collection*, *Fantastical Vizcaya*, Vizcaya Museum and Gardens, and *Auto Body* at the Faena Art Center, Buenos Aires, Argentina and Miami.

#### **Marlon Johnson**

**\$15,000.00**

18495 South Dixie Highway, #362, Miami, FL 33157

Miami-Dade County based artist **Marlon Johnson** is a six-time Emmy award-winning television and film producer and director. Mr. Johnson has a B.S. in Communications with a special focus on Motion Pictures and Anthropology from the University of Miami in Coral Gables. He has worked in South Florida as a production manager and production coordinator on major projects ranging from CSI Miami to The Amazing Race. Marlon Johnson has co-produced and directed numerous documentaries, including: *Coconut Grove: A Sense of Place*, which examines race-based gentrification in the West Coconut Grove neighborhood of Miami; *Breaking the Silence*, which delves in to the rising rate of HIV infection in the Black-American south; and *Sundays Best*, inspired by the Arsht Center's "Free Gospel Sundays," which explores the tradition of crowns and features women who wear extraordinary hats to church services on Sundays. He recently completed a feature length documentary entitled, *Deep City: The Birth of the Miami Sound*, which chronicles the 1960's Soul Music scene in Miami and premiered on PBS.

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**Pepe Mar****\$15,000.00**

420 Lincoln Road, Miami Beach, FL 33139

Miami-Dade County based artist **Pepe Mar** was born in Reynosa, Mexico in 1977. He received his BFA from California College of the Arts (CCA), San Francisco and his MFA from Florida International University in 2012. He makes sculpture based on assemblage of found and created objects designed to inspire new contemporary rituals. In 2013, the artist participated in the Bronx Museum International Residency Program. In 2014, Mar had his first institutional commission in the US at DiverseWorks, Houston. In 2016, the artist was the recipient of a Pollock-Krasner grant. His work has been exhibited throughout the US and venues abroad and is included in major collections in the US, Europe, and Latin America including public collections such as the ICA Miami and Pérez Art Museum Miami. His work has appeared in the New York Times, ARTnews, Art in America, Art + Auction, the Artnewspaper, and Artnet.

**Charo Oquet****\$15,000.00**

609 Lenox Avenue, #4, Miami Beach, FL 33139

Miami-Dade County based artist **Charo Oquet** works in multiple mediums and disciplines, including metal, wood, textile, ceramic, photography, installation, video and performance. Her works include a broad spectrum of diverse sources ranging from Christian and Afro-Caribbean religion iconography, Russian Constructivism, folklore, trash culture, Surrealism and carnival. Ms. Oquet's work has been exhibited internationally and is part of the permanent collections of World Bank, Washington, D.C., The Museum of Modern Art of Santo Domingo, D.R., The Frost Art Museum-FIU in Miami, The Bass Museum, Miami Beach, NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale, and New Zealand National Museum Wellington, N.Z., among others.

**Kenny Riches****\$15,000.00**122 NE 47<sup>th</sup> Street, Cottage, Miami, FL 33137

Miami-Dade County based artist and filmmaker **Kenny Riches** was born in Tokyo City, Japan and raised in Salt Lake City, Utah. His first feature film, *Must Come Down* played at numerous film festivals, and his second, *The Strongest Man*, was screened at the Miami International Film Festival after world premiering at Sundance. *The Strongest Man*, which received theatrical and digital distribution, follows Beef, an anxiety-ridden Cuban construction worker, and his Korean friend Conan, as their lives get bumped off track the moment they agree to attend a spiritual meditation class. Mr. Riches is currently at work on his third feature. About his art and filmmaking, Mr. Riches writes, "I'm very interested in telling the stories of certain characters living in a specific time and place. Sometimes that place has to be captured before it changes – before it changes into a new environment, or a new neighborhood in a new economic bracket, or a new social or political structure. That goes for the characters and actors I work with as well. Opting to attend an art program instead of studying film certainly helped me understand a visual language that is central to creating my films."

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#### From Broward County:

**Anthony Anaya**

**\$15,000.00**

9600 Johnson Street, Pembroke Pines, FL 33024

Broward County based artist **Anthony Anaya** was born in Queens, New York (1991). He has worked as a studio design assistant and architectural assistant at firms in South Florida. He earned a BFA in Design at New World School of Arts, and has participated in group exhibitions throughout Miami as well as the American Institute of Graphic Arts National Design Center in New York. Mr. Anaya's sculpture reflects his expertise as a designer/builder and imaginatively juxtaposes utilitarian and created objects. His work is concerned with a balance "of intuition to intention, form to function, and labor to production.

**Madeline Denaro**

**\$15,000.00**

2800 NE 27 Street, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33306

Broward County based artist **Madeline Denaro** was born in the Bronx, NY. Her paintings consist of layering of acrylic paint with both matte and gloss polymers. The process incorporates drawing with graphite, inks, marker or acrylic. In this repetitive process she builds, destroys, erases, and paints over, the work and the painting starts to take on a certain presence. She has had a solo show at the NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale. Ms. Denaro's work is in the collections of the NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale and the Art and Culture Center of Hollywood, Florida.

**Sri Prabha**

**\$15,000.00**

4800 Harrison Street, Hollywood, FL 33021

Broward County based artist **Sri Prabha** is originally from Hyderabad, India. He earned a BA in Studio Art Cornish College of the Arts in Seattle, and an MA in Clinical Psychology from Argosy University in San Francisco. Mr. Prabha makes video art that addresses images of nature and urban scenes. He projects videos into manmade environments to transport the viewer into another reality. Within the videos, he fuses various natural elements like caves, animals, flora, fossil samples, personal objects, moving mandalas, and light fields to encourage meditation and raise consciousness. He has exhibited work in several exhibitions at the Art and Culture Center of Hollywood and was awarded the Best Visual Artist 2015 by the Broward Palm Beach New Times.

#### From Palm Beach County:

**TD Gillespie**

**\$ 7,500.00**

331 Greenwood Drive, West Palm Beach, FL 33405

Palm Beach County based artist **TD Gillespie** was born in Columbus, Ohio and attended Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia. Her work has been exhibited in galleries and museums including Dacia Gallery in New York City, Art Palm Beach, 101 Exhibit in Miami, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton Museum of Art, and Whitespace: The Mordes Collection in West Palm Beach. TD Gillespie's installations and sculpture are inspired by Native American spirit houses and have been featured in Studio Visit Magazine.

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**Natalya Laskis**

**\$ 7,500.00**

1200 Fairview Lane, Riviera Beach, FL 33404

Palm Beach County based artist **Natalya Laskis** was born in Miami, Florida in 1980. She attended the New World School of the Arts in Miami, and earned a BFA from the Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore. Her paintings are centered on American leisure pastimes and cultural phenomena. The loose application of paint transforms recognizable settings, blending reality and abstraction. Selected solo exhibitions include *What is love* at Galleria Glance, Turin, Italy; *Shortness of Breath* at Locust Projects, Miami, FL; and *American Odyssey* at Frederic Snitzer Gallery, Miami. Ms. Laskis has been included in group exhibitions at David Castillo Gallery, Miami, FL; The Boca Raton Museum of Art, Boca Raton, FL; Fred Sntizer Gallery at The Armory, New York, NY; and at Nada Art Fair during Art Basel, Miami Beach.

#### **From Monroe County:**

**Deborah Goldman**

**\$15,000.00**

97 Bay Drive, Key West, FL 33040

Monroe County based artist Deborah Goldman earned her MFA from the Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills, MI. Her work in photography explores nature's cycles, its fragility and permanence, using actual and non-illusional spatial relationships, and incorporating Counting as a metaphor for the passage of time and the transitory nature of existence. Ms. Goldman has been exhibited at the Hal Bromm Gallery, New York, NY; the Art and Culture Center of Hollywood, Florida; the Museum of New Art, Troy, MI; the Scarab Club, Detroit, MI; and the Studios of Key West, FL.



# MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

**TO:** Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** September 7, 2016

**FROM:** Abigail Price-Williams  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item No. 8(C)(2)

Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Statement of social equity required
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- ☐ No committee review
- ☐ Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's \_\_\_\_, 3/5's \_\_\_\_, unanimous \_\_\_\_ ) to approve
- ☐ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

Agenda Item No. 8(C)(2)  
9-7-16

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION APPROVING \$165,000.00 IN FUNDING SUPPORT FOR TWELVE (12) FELLOWSHIP AWARDS TO SOUTH FLORIDA ARTISTS FROM THE SOUTH FLORIDA CULTURAL CONSORTIUM'S FY 2015-2016 GENERAL OPERATING FUNDS FOR THE VISUAL AND MEDIA ARTISTS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM; WAIVING RESOLUTION NO. R-130-06; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE GRANT AGREEMENTS AND TO EXERCISE ALL PROVISIONS, INCLUDING THE CANCELLATION PROVISIONS, CONTAINED THEREIN

**WHEREAS**, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that this Board hereby waives the requirements of Resolution No. R-130-06, and approves the funding of twelve (12) fellowship awards to each of the following South Florida artists:

Miami-Dade County

Kevin Arrow	\$15,000.00
Cara Despain	\$15,000.00
Marlon Johnson	\$15,000.00
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from the Department of Cultural Affairs' adopted FY 2015-2016 budget as fiscal agent for the 2016 South Florida Cultural Consortium and its Visual & Media Artists Fellowship Program. It is the intention of this Board that these fellowship awards will be administered by the Department of Cultural Affairs through the issuance of agreements in substantially the form attached hereto and made a part hereof, and authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to execute same for and on behalf of Miami-Dade County; to execute amendments for time extension; and to exercise cancellation provisions contained therein.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner ,  
who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner  
and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Jean Monestime, Chairman  
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Vice Chairman

Bruno A. Barreiro	Daniella Levine Cava
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Dennis C. Moss	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	Xavier L. Suarez
Juan C. Zapata	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016. This resolution shall become upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.

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Miguel A. Gonzalez

**SOUTH FLORIDA CULTURAL CONSORTIUM  
VISUAL & MEDIA ARTISTS AWARD AGREEMENT**

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered this -----of ----- 2016, between the South Florida Cultural Consortium, a coalition of the local arts agencies of Martin, Palm Beach, Broward, Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties, which in all matters in connection with this Agreement shall act through MIAMI-DADE COUNTY ("County") c/o DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS ("Department"), and -----, ("Artist"), ----- provides as follows:

After a competitive process involving jurying by panels of regional and national visual and media arts experts, the County awards to Artist one non-matching \$15,000 Visual and Media Artists Award ("Award"). This Award is granted solely on the basis of creative artistic excellence, to improve his/her artistic skills, and to encourage Artist's career development, in consideration for Artist's agreement to abide by the following terms and considerations set forth in this Agreement.

This Award is for use by the Artist according to his or her needs. Funding of the Award will be paid from the South Florida Cultural Consortium's Operating Account for which the Department serves as fiscal agent. This Agreement shall be in effect during the period June 6, 2016 – December 31, 2016.

The Artist hereby attests that he/she is over 18 years of age, is a professional artist (defined as a person who has created a recognized body of original works of art within an artistic discipline over a sustained period of time and who is striving to achieve the highest level of professional recognition), and has lived in Miami-Dade County for at least one year prior to the time of the application deadline of October 30, 2015. Proof of residency in ----- County, beginning not later than October 30, 2014, is required in order to receive the Award. Such evidence may include, but is not necessarily limited to, any of the following: a copy of a realty deed or rental agreement in Artist's name; a utility bill in Artist's name; voter's registration; a current State of Florida Driver's License; or 2014 IRS personal tax returns. Other forms of proof intended to be submitted as substantiating evidence of the residency requirement must first be authorized in writing by the Department as eligible and acceptable alternate documentation.

The Award is in recognition of the Artist's prior work as a visual artist. The South Florida Cultural Consortium, in partnership with a recognized collecting and/or exhibiting visual arts institution within the South Florida region will organize an exhibition of Award winners' work during 2016. Artist must make available no fewer than five pieces of artwork specifically for the exhibition. Artworks are to be mutually agreed upon between Artist and the exhibition curators. Artworks are to be original works created by the Artist within the last three years. Artist will be responsible for the transportation of, and the risk of loss or any damage during the transportation of the art works. The County will not be held responsible for loss, theft or damage to the art works.

This Agreement may be extended by the Department for up to one year with a 30-day prior written notice to the Artist, and at the sole discretion of the Director. A narrative report addressed to the Department, summarizing the benefits gained and the accomplishments achieved as a result of receiving the Award is requested within forty-five (45) days of the Agreement period end date.

It is expressly understood and intended that the Artist is merely a recipient of award funds and is not an agent or employee of Miami-Dade County, its Mayor, its Board of County Commissioners, or the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs. Artist will consult his/her own tax advisor or the Internal Revenue Service to determine his/her tax liability.

In the event the Artist shall fail to materially conform with any of the provisions of this AGREEMENT, the Department may cancel the Award, after giving forty-five (45) calendar days' written notice to the Artist of the details of the failure. If the Artist fails to cure the failure within the 45 days, the AGREEMENT shall be cancelled; the County shall have no further obligation to the Artist under this AGREEMENT, the Artist shall repay to Miami-Dade County all portions of the Award which have been received, and, at the Department Director's sole discretion, the Artist may be declared ineligible to apply to the South Florida Cultural Consortium's Visual and Media Artists Award program for a period up to five years.

The Parties hereto have executed this AGREEMENT on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2016.

Attest:

MIAMI-DADE  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Assistant County Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor or Designee

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor or Mayor's Designee's Name Printed

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Artist

\_\_\_\_\_  
Artist's Name Printed

SS.# \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Witness Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness Printed Name

Approved by County Attorney as to form and legal sufficiency \_\_\_\_\_